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**Agricultural Summary:** Monsoonal precipitation continued last week, sometimes in the form of violent thunderstorms with large hail and gusty wind. Alfalfa hay making and harvest of small grains was again hampered in some locations. The storms improved soil moisture conditions for most standing crops in addition to pasture and grazing land, but most portions of Colorado remain depleted of adequate moisture. Statewide, on average, farmers were allowed 6.0 days in the field for operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	26	42	32	0
Last Week	28	44	28	0
Last Year	52	39	9	0

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	38	39	23	0
Last Week	42	41	17	0
Last Year	59	35	6	0

**Small Grains:** Harvest of winter wheat was virtually complete by week's end at 98 percent. Seventy percent of the barley crop was turning color, compared with 86 percent last year and 85 percent on average. Barley harvest was 10 percent complete. Spring wheat was 80 percent turning color with 16 percent harvested by the end of the week

**Row Crops:** Dry beans in the flowering stage ended the week at 62 percent, up from 51 percent previously. Dry bean development remained slightly behind last year and the average. Up 20 percentage points from the week prior, 77 percent of the corn crop was in the silk stage and 6 percent in dough. Sorghum was 29 percent headed by week's end, up from 16 percent previously. Eleven percent of the sorghum crop was turning color, compared with 14 percent last year and the average of 24 percent. Harvest of dry onions and potatoes outside the San Luis Valley started last week with progress pegged at 1 percent and 5 percent complete, respectively.

## SMALL GRAIN AND ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 4, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Corn</b>					
This Week	9	13	32	39	7
Last Year	34	23	23	18	2
<b>Spring Barley</b>					
This Week	0	5	29	59	7
Last Year	1	4	23	68	4
<b>Spring Wheat</b>					
This Week	15	21	31	30	3
Last Year	12	17	21	48	2

**Pasture and Range:** Pasture and range conditions declined slightly with 62 percent rated very poor to poor compared with 59 percent last week. The current five-year average for very poor to poor is 39 percent. The second cutting of alfalfa reached 79 percent complete, up from 70 percent last week. The third cutting continued with 8 percent having been cut by week's end

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 4, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2013	34	28	21	17	0
Prev. Year - 2012	49	34	15	2	0
5-Year Avg.	21	18	26	28	7

**Livestock:** Livestock condition ratings declined slightly from the previous week with 50 percent rated good to excellent, down from 56 percent previously. Death losses remained at average levels for cattle and sheep. Overall, stored feed supplies remained rated as average for this time of year.

# COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week ending August 4, 2013

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	79	70	81	73
3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	8	3	24	8
<b>Corn</b>				
Silked	77	57	90	79
Dough	6	1	23	14
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Flowered	62	51	69	67
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Harvested	1	N/A	3	1
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>				
Harvested				
All other	5	N/A	16	4
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Headed	29	16	55	49
Turning Color	11	7	14	24
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Turning Color	70	46	86	85
Harvested	10	5	16	16
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Turning Color	80	61	88	72
Harvested	16	10	17	12
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Harvested	98	94	100	99

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

## COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Alfalfa</b>	8	10	37	38	7
<b>Dry Beans</b>	2	9	39	48	2
<b>Dry Onions</b>	0	1	20	68	11
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>					
San Luis Valley	0	0	28	67	5
All Other	0	0	50	49	1
<b>Livestock</b>	3	6	41	49	1
<b>Sorghum</b>	15	24	35	25	1
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	0	3	22	66	9
<b>Sunflowers</b>	2	18	56	21	3

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.